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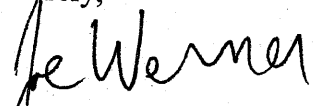
RE: Docket # 03-00492

Dear Mr. Sapronov:

CLEC applicants are required, by statute, to demonstrate their managerial, financial and technical abilities to provide the services for which they seek authority. To assist the Authority in its review of Vertex Communications, Inc.'s application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide competing facilities-based local services in Tennessee, you are requested to provide the information on the attachment. When submitting your response, please provide an original and 13 copies and reference the above docket number.

Please provide this information by September 22, 2003. If you have any questions concerning this request or need additional information, please call Patsy Fulton at 615-741-2904 ext. 193.

Sincerely,


Joe Werner
Telecommunications Chief

Attachment (1)
Cc: Docket File

Vertex Communications, Inc

Data Request

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General:

1. On March 10, 2000, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted Public Chapter 586 which amends Tennessee Code Annotated §65-4-125, "Changes in telecommunications service provider - Regulation - Enforcement." Section 3 of this act states as follows:

Section 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-125, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

j. By September 1, 2000, all telecommunications service providers subject to the control and jurisdiction of the authority, except those owners or operators of public [pay] telephone service who pay annual inspection and supervision fees pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-4-301(b), or any telecommunications service provider that owns and operates equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value of more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000), shall file with the authority a corporate surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding, brought under this title or the Consumer Telemarketing Protection Act of 1990, by or on behalf of the authority.

Pursuant to the above statute, the following must be provided to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA"), prior to completing the processing of your application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity:

1. A corporate surety bond in the amount of \$20,000; or
2. An irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$20,000; or
3. Documentary evidence that you own and operate equipment facilities in Tennessee worth more than \$5,000,000.